

The Brethren Evangelist,THE BRETHREN CHURCH PAPER,
Ashland, Ohio.**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

Bro. Hixson is having success in Kansas.

Three more numbers will complete this volume.

We expect a very encouraging report from Milford, Ind.

Bro. Holsinger's correspondence came in so late that we are obliged to crowd ourselves out to make room for him.

Send in your name early for an annual. It will be put out at 20 cents, the usual price, and will be a very interesting number.

We are printing the Annual this week. It will soon be ready for subscribers. Send in your orders at once and they will be filled in a short time.

While you are rejoicing over the many successes reported, remember that we are anxious to have a big list of subscribers next year. A little effort in canvassing will be rewarded with abundant fruit.

The Sister who started the Missionary Fund has another letter on the hook, and has sent another dollar for the Fund. It is moving along nicely. The Lord will bless her for the good work she was instrumental in commencing.

Notice the College advt. in this issue, and prepare to send your sons and daughters at the commencement of the next term. Every farmer boy and girl ought to take the business course of 10 weeks, if they go no farther. It will enable them to gain such knowledge as they will need through life, and the cost is very little.

Bro. Holsinger is encouraged again. We thought the Brethren in Iowa would make him glad. We hope the Brethren everywhere will do all they conveniently can to get the College debt out of the way. We cannot let go of it now, as it would about wreck some of us financially and put a black spot on the banner of progression that we fly. Put your shoulders to the wheel, brethren, and get that debt out of the way.

Bro. Jacob W. Beer is rejoicing over several accessions and is holding a protracted meeting. May the Lord bless him.

We indorse and commend Bro. Jacob W. Beer's proposition to our worthy Kansas Brethren, and we hope it will be executed.

Leave the Convention, and give the money to brethren Bauman and Hixson and send them out to convert sinners.

We invite brethren to send in brief reports of the meetings but as it creates confusion in getting the approximate number of accessions each week, or month or season, we will hereafter, in any item we may write, state the results indefinitely, and leave the definite number for the report at the close of the meeting.

Card of Thanks.

We extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to the brethren and sisters of the Manchester church for their very liberal donation for our temporal wants. It was a surprise indeed and truth.

Some eighty were present, and the donations invoiced \$44.60.

May the blessing of God in this life and the sunshine of the life to come be yours to enjoy forever.

WM. W. SUMMERS.
HATTIE SUMMERS.

The M. and E. Fund.

Previously reported	\$11.50
L. L. Tombaugh	1.00
G. A. Copp	5.00
Kate Yost	1.00
Total	18.50

Words are spiritual forces, angels of blessing or of cursing.

THE FIELD.

MARION, IND., Dec. 3rd.—I am in this city to-day on my way to Eaton, this state, to hold a meeting. I had the pleasure of attending Bro. Mallott's meeting in Milford two nights. On yesterday, meeting in day time, at 2 P. M. I addressed the audience after which Bro. Mallott baptized three ladies. So you see the good work is going on. Last night after sermon, (by Bro. Mallott) an aged man by the name of Deitz, from New Paris, united with the church. Came over from the German Baptists.

JNO. NICHOLSON.

SIDNEY, IND., Nov. 29.—I have just returned from the water. The glorious work is going on, others are near the Kingdom. I expect to leave here on to-morrow. Hope that Bro. Wm. Summer will come to this place and finish the work in the near future. I received a letter from my family that my wife met with an accident, by a severe fall, some 7 or 8 feet. Was very much bruised and hurt, therefore I may go home in a few days.

J. NICHOLSON.

McKEES GAP, PA., Nov. 30.—Perhaps a word of church news from this part of God's vineyard might be of some interest. We are located in what is called in the German Baptist Ecclesiastical dictionary, the "Duncansville church" presided over by Eld. James A. Sell, who has attained some little notoriety.

We have here a little organization of Brethren, "under the pastoral care of Eld. W. L. Spanogle." By request, he came among us and preached his first sermon; told us that where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty, and that the New Testament was the rule of the Christian faith and practice, and that all Annual Meeting laws and appendages, were added since the days of Christ and the apostles, and were grievous to be borne. Since that time, we have grown into a church organization, with a flourishing Sabbath School, and may, eventually, culminate in the erection of a house of worship.

Bro. Spanogle preached for us regularly, and under his able pastorate, we are hopeful. During his last two appointments, we had the pleasure of witnessing the baptism of precious souls; and thus, amidst all conceivable opposition, we are slowly but surely prospering, and hope that the blessing, of our heavenly Father may be with us, and bless and strengthen our worthy pastor in his great work.

REUBEN DELOZIER.

SYDNEY, IND., DEC. 2. Bro. John Nicholson came here on the 14th of last month, and commenced meeting. There is no organized church at this place. North Manchester on the south, and Milford on the north, are the nearest points; both of Annual meeting notoriety. According to the present outlook it is quite probable that an organization will be affected in the near future. Quite an interest was taken by those that attended these meetings. Not only by those that live to the world (if the term world is not objectionable) but many that have spent a goodly portion of their lives in the service of their Master as best they

could. The people here wish to know the paths the Father's trod. They know the Lord, and they wish to serve him aright. Hence they wish to hear the Gospel preached in its purity without being loaded down by the traditions, decrees and doctrines of men. This Brother Nicholson spared no pains to do.

The immediate results were three baptized and one by relation. The outlook or prospects are always somewhat speculative; and that is therefore left out of this communication until it comes to a reality; then the readers of the E. will be duly informed.

While here, brother Nicholson received the intelligence that his wife received a severe injury by a fall. He was almost persuaded to return home, but further news indicated that the injury was not fatal and unless otherwise informed he will continue in the field. While our meetings were going on some actions by opposers were brought to public view that would do to tell in fireside corners, but would hardly be profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction or instruction in righteousness; they are therefore omitted here.

DANIEL MILLER.

MARTINSBURG, PA.—My last communication gave a brief history of our church dedication at New Enterprise, Pa., on Nov. 8th wherein I said Bro. McFaden was quite indisposed; he preached his last sermon on the evening of the 10th, when he was compelled to give it up, still growing worse, and on Friday morning left us for home. Then the labors were taken up for a few evenings by Bro. R. Z. Replogle, then by your humble servant, and were continued until the evening of the 22nd, when we closed. On Saturday evening 21st, was our communion, Bro. Replogle being called home during the week on account of sickness. We had an interesting communion, sixty communicants, large concourse of people, and most excellent order, immediate results of our meeting—eleven additions, nine by baptism, two by relation. Upon the whole, we think our meeting was interesting, Bro. McFaden being unable to work of course, there was disappointment, but the Lord was with us. And if "He be for us, who can be against us." And now the church at New Enterprise has certainly great reason for gratulation, after the most ungrateful, and perplexing treatment for two years on the part of the G. B. such as "singing skules" taking the appointments for preaching from us, refusing to announce our meetings &c. &c. but not so now, we preach in our own church when we please, and as often as we please. And the money that our brethren and sisters gave for the erection of their church house, which they refuse to give back, we hope will do them much good.

There is a passage of scripture that says, "whatsoever measure ye mete, shall be measured to you again," I fear will make much trouble in the day of Judgment. The convention question seems to have been buried beyond a resurrection.

If the brotherhood does not need some further organizing in way of church districts, geographical boundaries, regular

assignments of ministers, distribution of ministers, apportionment of territory for each minister, and a score of other necessities, then we have no knowledge of practical church work, and give it up. If we ever expect to get down to systematic work, we must have a systematic arrangement. Why not, fellow ministers of Pennsylvania, meet in convention and come there prepared with a report of our respective churches,—its numbers, the extent of territory, number appointments, financial status, nearest sister church, number of ministers.—whether enough or too many, who have fields or charges, and who have not, and if we propose to accept the itinerant system, appoint a committee on assignments of ministers, so that all are put to work, and that six or seven at one place, be distributed, and should there be ministers who do not desire to preach, or accept a charge, let them so inform the convention, or if they desire to do only local work, let the convention be so informed, an evangelist or two is needed in Pa. let the convention appoint two, let these two be supported by a general evangelist fund, assigned to the respective churches as per financial status. I called it a convention, for convenience, we may call it, eldership, classic, synod, conference or what we please. I think brethren we need it, even if a few stalwart brethren have opposed it, that we need more system, none will deny—These suggestions are simply dropped for thought.

WILL L. SPANOGLE.

Nov. 24th.

Trans Missouri Flashes.

Weather exceedingly fine in Kansas for the time of year.

212,000,000 bushels of corn raised in the new state, Kansas, and yet people are not satisfied.

The most common expression of the day: "Times are hard," and yet people say they are thankful.

The writer expects to commence a series of meetings with the brethren at Carleton, Neb., on Dec. 12th.

The Brethren at Pony creek have determined on weekly prayer meetings.

Hope our western convention won't prove a fizzle.

Get that College debt out of the way brethren and give us a chance to beg for the Mission cause.

Morrill has a weekly union prayer meeting. At the last meeting seven denominations were represented.

An infidel lecturer was retailing his cheap and useless stuff to the inhabitants of Morrill recently.

Whilst every infidel is not a horse thief every horse thief is an infidel.

If there were as many possessors as there are professors of Christianity in the world there would be less infidelity.

Praise God for the glorious news from North Manchester and other places in Indiana.

The EVANGELIST is getting better, cause, original matter and the good news of ingatherings. Any thing but a "soft soaping" preacher.

The lovefeast held by the Brethren at Falls City, Neb., recently was a success.

The gospel in one syllable, "Come."

There is no religion in either hats or bonnets.

The great question: "Is thine heart right?"

Every German Baptist sister we met on our recent trip to Southern Kans., wore a hat, and we met several.

Bro. S. C. Stump, of Falls City, Neb., is expected to conduct a series of meetings with the Brethren near Everest, Kan., shortly. Hope it may prove a glorious success.

So far as bodily pleasure is concerned, we would rather lay rock and daub mortar than preach, and yet we would prefer to preach.

We know of several places in the west where the Brethren should organize and go to work.

"Working in the Penitentiary the convict gets boarded. In the service of the devil, a person has to board himself."—Sam Jones.

What has become of Howard Miller, once an editor of the *Progressive Christian*?

Christian progression means work, bodily, intellectually, morally, socially, and spiritually.

The first and great commandment—Love to God and man.

W. J. H. BAUMAN, Morrill, Kan.

A Response.

In regard to the suggestion offered by brethren J. and J., of Pennsylvania, in No. 47, I for one heartily agree that something should be done toward placing evangelists in the field in our state. Also believe that much good would be accomplished by so doing; and I also believe that evangelists could, and no doubt would be selected, who would take hold of the work. In my opinion, the only difficulty would be the money to carry on the work, and even this would be a very small matter if we would all give something; or in other words, give as the Lord hath prospered us. And believing as I do, until something better is offered or suggested, I for one endorse the suggestion already alluded to. I would like very well to know who J. and J. are. Please come out from behind the curtain and give us your full name.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.
Mineral Point, Pa.

THE PULPIT TREASURY for December, freighted with excellent timely articles, is on our table. Its pages always afford a feast for pastor and Christian workers. This number gives a portrait of Dr. E. P. Goodwin, with a sermon, full of eloquent and suggestive thought, on The Holy Spirit and Missions. His life is sketched by Prof. S. I. Curtiss, and his Church illustrated. The names of the other writers whose sermons or articles appear in this number are haloed with learning and piety, and the subjects upon which they write are of the first importance to winners of souls. Bishop Lightfoot, on Christ's Own Teacher; Dr. Deems, on No Room for Jesus; Dr. Rossiter, on Annual Consecration; Dr. J. Hall, on The World's Best; Vanity; Dr. W. M. Taylor, on Spiritual Despondency; Dr. Maclaren, on Debtors to All Men; Dr. Wm. C. Crane, on The American African as a Preacher and Religionist; Dr. Twitchell, on Heart-Preparation for Revival Work; Dr. D. S. Gregory, on Key to Bible Unity; Dr. Talmage, on The Advantages of Persecution; Canon Wilberforce, on The Twelfth an Amethyst; Bishop How, on Personal Holiness Paramount; Dr. Cuyler, on Cheap Religion; Bishop W. P. Walsh, on The Will of Sennacherib, with other writers equally renowned on other topics specially interesting, together with the editor's own department, will furnish some idea of the contents of this number of a magazine which easily stands at the front of all its competitors.

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